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GW TO HOST "FIRING LINE" PBS TAPING ON THE ECONOMY
DECEMBER 15

William F. Buckley Miniseries
to Include N.Y. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan
and former HUD Sec. Jack Kemp

Washington, D.C. -- William F. Buckley Jr. will videotape a four-part miniseries on the economy at The George Washington University on Wednesday, December 15, 1993. The half-hour programs will be broadcast on public television stations nationwide during January 1994.

Students, faculty, staff and the general public are invited to attend the tapings in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre (800 21st Street, NW -- Foggy Bottom/GW Metro on the Blue and Orange lines). Guests on the programs will include William F. Buckley Jr., Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp, and Peter Peterson, a founder of the Concord Coalition, a non-partisan group dedicated to keeping Americans informed about the nation's budget deficit.

The programs will begin at 12 noon. and continue until approximately 2 p.m. Students, faculty, staff and the general public may reserve seats by calling (202) 994-6467. Leave name, phone number and the number of people in your party. Mr. Buckley requests that the audience be seated by 11:45 a.m.

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COMMUNITARIAN MOVEMENT FOUNDER AMITAI ETZIONI SPEAKS OF RIGHTS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT SAN FRANCISCO'S COMMONWEALTH CLUB DEC. 10

GW University Professor Calls for New Social
and Moral Commitment to Community

EVENT: Address by prominent sociologist and author,
Amitai Etzioni

WHEN: Friday, December 10, 1993
Noon

WHERE: Commonwealth Club
595 Market
San Francisco, California

Background:

Dr. Amitai Etzioni is a distinguished University Professor at The George Washington University. His achievements in the social sciences include 20 years as a professor of sociology at Columbia University, senior advisor in the Carter administration, guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and the Thomas Henry Carroll Ford Foundation Professor at the Harvard Business School.

He founded the Communitarian Network, a national, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to shoring up the moral, social and political environment, in 1991. The network mobilizes coalitions to develop innovative solutions to public problems. The Communitarian perspective is articulated in the quarterly journal, "The Responsive Community: Rights and Responsibilities;" the Communitarian Position Paper Series; a newsletter, "The Communitarian Reporter;" and in Dr. Etzioni's latest book, "The Spirit of Community: Rights, Responsibilities and the Communitarian Agenda."

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**GW EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AVAILABLE FOR
COMMENTARY/ANALYSIS OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

With a Congressionally-mandated deadline of December 15 close at hand, the U.S. is scrambling to reach accord on a global trade agreement which will affect virtually every industry in this country. What effect will GATT have on the U.S. economy? How will negotiations benefit developing Third World and Eastern European countries? These and other questions can be answered by a number of GW faculty experts on international trade and economics. They are listed below:

Robert M. Dunn, Jr., Ph.D., professor of economics, an expert on international economics; international trade and finance; U.S./Mexican economic relations; and consumer spending.

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Rodney S. Eldridge, Ph.D., professor of international business, an expert on international trade and trade policy.

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Michael Moore, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics and international affairs, an expert on international trade; U.S. trade policy, especially with Germany; GATT; and antidumping laws.

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Henry R. Nau, Ph.D., professor of political science and international affairs; associate dean, Elliott School of International Affairs; an expert on U.S. foreign economic and trade policy; trade summits; debt; U.S.-Japan economic issues; and U.S.-Europe relations, including East-West trade.

W: 202/994-7292/6240 H: 301/299-7645

Joesph Pelzman, Ph.D., professor of economics, an expert on U.S. trade policy/U.S.-Russian and U.S.-East Europe trade policy; Middle East trade; and U.S. textile industry -- competitiveness and trade issues.

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**GW LAW PROFESSOR JONATHAN TURLEY MEETS WITH ELDERLY INMATES
AT JESSUP WOMEN'S PRISON AS PART OF PROJECT FOR OLDER PRISONERS**

Fifty elderly women prisoners are expected to meet with GW Law Professor Jonathan Turley and students on December 14 as part of his Project for Older Prisoners (POPS), a program that advocates the parole of older prisoners in an effort to alleviate prison overcrowding. Turley will meet with inmates at the women's prison in Jessup Maryland at 12:00 to explain the program and do initial screening of parole candidates.

"POPS is responding to a national crisis of sorts," says Turley. "Our prison system is graying. The inmates are aging." This is occurring at a time of intense overcrowding in prisons with hundreds of prisoners being released each year because of mandatory court orders. "The question is not whether someone is going to be released," says Turley. "The question, in 42 states, is who will be released."

"Older offenders are a very expensive item," says Turley. "Because they generally require more medical care." The average cost for housing and medical care of a younger inmate ranges anywhere from \$18,000 to \$20,000 per year whereas the cost of maintaining older prisoners can reach upwards of \$60,000. To those that argue the release of older prisoners merely shifts the burden of health care from the prison system to social services, Turley points out the cost differential is about \$40,000 with medicare costing, on average, \$12,000 per year.

Turley -- whose work is supported by The George Washington University National Law Center and by a host of GW law students who donate their time and expertise on a pro bono basis -- conducts painstaking research of each case prior to taking it before the Parole Board. "We want to make absolutely certain we are recommending people who will not be repeat offenders," says Turley.

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The law of averages is on his side. Older offenders generally have a recidivism rate of around 4 percent whereas younger offenders have recidivism rates as high as 70 percent. Thus far POPS has secured the release of nearly 50 older prisoners -- none of whom have committed repeat offenses.

Turley and his students make certain the transition to life on the outside will be as easy as possible for these prisoners, many of whom have been behind bars for decades. E a c h P O P S recommendation for release includes a detailed parole plan with well-defined sources of income and secured housing.

Founded by Professor Turley in 1989 as a pro bono project at Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana, POPS has been the national leader in developing new legislation and policies for older prisoners in both the federal and state systems. Turley opened a second office in Washington when he joined The George Washington University National Law Center faculty in 1990. POPS has been credited with drawing attention to the older prisoner population which is expected to reach 125,000 prisoners by the year 2000.

POPS does not charge for its services. The offices are run by law students, roughly 200 in Louisiana and 75 in D.C., who work without compensation. The two independent POPS offices continue to operate with both legislative and prison review projects. In addition to working with six states on a continual basis, POPS assists legislation and policy initiatives across the country.



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GW EXPERT ON POST-SOVIET TRANSITIONS OFFERS COMMENTARY/ANALYSIS OF RECENT ELECTIONS

While President Yelstin's proposed constitution was approved by the Russian people in that country's first post-Soviet elections yesterday, the victory could hardly be considered a mandate for free market reforms. What can or should be the role of the United States in encouraging and assisting pro-democratic factions in Russia?

The Program on Transitions to Democracy at The George Washington University has produced a number of in-depth analyses of the ongoing struggle between pro- and anti-democratic elements in Russia and other post-communist countries. Directed by Dr. Constantine Menges since 1990, the program combines education, research, publications, public forums and international cooperation to provide scholars, foreign policy leaders and media with objective information and analysis of the complex and fragile process of moving from dictatorships toward democracy and market-oriented economies.

Dr. Constantine Menges is a research professor of international relations at GW's Elliott School of International Affairs. He has worked as a senior federal executive for three U.S. presidents, including a three-year stint in the White House as special assistant to the president for National Security. Author of numerous articles and four books: Spain: The Struggle for Democracy (1978); Inside the National Security Council (1988); The Twilight Struggle: The Soviet Union and the United States Today (1990); and The Future of Germany and the Atlantic Alliance (1991), Dr. Menges appears frequently on national media to discuss international trends and issues. He also edited and contributed to a new work published through the Program on Transitions to Democracy, Transitions from Communism in Russian and Eastern Europe (1993).

Dr. Menges and his University colleagues are available to the media to discuss events in Russia and their implications for the future. Contact numbers for the professor are: (office) 202/994-7099; (home) 202/338-8687; and (fax) 202/994-5436.

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**GW PRESIDENT STEPHEN JOEL TRACHTENBERG TO RECEIVE AWARD
FROM AMERICAN CZECH AND SLOVAK ASSOCIATION**

EVENT: Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, president of The George Washington University, will receive a Merit Award from the American Czech and Slovak Association. The award recognizes the work the University has done to further the development of relations between the United States, Czechs and Slovaks.

WHEN: Saturday, December 18, 1993
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Czech Embassy
3900 Spring of Freedom, NW
Washington, D.C.

Background:

Through the work of scholars including Associate Professor of Political Science Sharon Wolchik, The George Washington University has helped people achieve a better understanding of and appreciation for the history and culture of Czechs and Slovaks. The award to GW President Trachtenberg recognizes the positive impact of the GW community on relations between the United States and the Czech and Slovak republics.

The 1993 American Czech and Slovak Association (ACSA) Merit Awards will be presented under the auspices of the Czech and Slovak embassies. The ACSA is a national, non-ethnic organization which strives to increase cooperation between the United States and the nations formed when Czechoslovakia became two independent republics at the start of 1993.

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**GW ANTI-TOBACCO ADVOCATE JOHN BANZHAF AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MEDAL OF HONOR**

National Law Center Professor John Banzhaf III received the American Cancer Society's prestigious Medal of Honor at the society's annual board meeting held in Atlanta in November. Other Medal of Honor recipients were Harvard Medical School's Moses Judah Folkman, M.D., and vice president for health affairs and professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California, G. Denman Hammond, M.D.

Banzhaf was awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his unparalleled dedication to the anti-smoking movement. In 1966, Banzhaf filed legal action with the Federal Communications Commission asking that television and radio stations be required to make over \$200 million worth of broadcast time available free for anti-smoking messages, in order to balance the impression given by tobacco advertisers that smoking was socially acceptable and desirable.

In 1967, the FCC ruled in Banzhaf's favor -- a ruling that eventually drove cigarette commercials off the air. In addition, Banzhaf helped force airlines to limit smoking, ultimately leading to a smoking ban on domestic flights, as well as on other forms of public transportation.

Banzhaf argued for the passage of statutes and ordinances limiting smoking in public places, successfully persuading corporations to voluntarily limit smoking. He has assisted in lawsuits against tobacco companies on behalf of terminally ill former smokers and has lobbied for reducing federal tobacco subsidies. He helped persuade the government to approve a plan requiring smokers to pay more than non-smokers for health insurance coverage, and he also helped establish that smoking is not a constitutionally protected right.

The Medal of Honor is the highest award given by the American Cancer Society. Each year it honors leaders in basic research, clinical research, and the lay contributions to cancer control. Past recipients of the Medal of Honor include George Papanicolaou, M.D., father of the Pap test; Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Secretary of Health & Human Services; and Nobel Prize winning research scientist, Gertrude B. Elion.

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**GW'S COLONNADE GALLERY PRESENTS "SEVEN SECONDS IN 1993:
PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARC C. ABRAHMS"
JANUARY 6 - 20**

EVENT: The George Washington University Colonnade Gallery is pleased to present the "Seven Seconds in 1993: Photographs by Marc C. Abrahms."

Abrahms' photographs have been purchased in 14 countries, as well as by national publications, private collectors and fine art galleries. Photographs in the exhibit, in addition to a limited edition print, will be for sale and may be purchased through the Colonnade Gallery at (202) 994-8401. All proceeds from the sale of Abrahms' works will benefit The George Washington University.

The opening reception to meet the artist will be held Friday, January 7, 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by Marc Abrahms, the Office of Special Events and the Marvin Center Governing Board.

WHEN: January 6 - 20, 1993
Seven days a week, 8 a.m. to midnight
Opening Reception: Friday, January 7, 5 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University Colonnade Gallery
Marvin Center, third floor
800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Two blocks from Foggy Bottom/GW Metro)

COST: Free and open to the public

BACKGROUND:

Over the past year Abrahms has travelled the world to capture exotic wildlife and breathtaking landscapes. In his work,

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there is an intimate and lyrical vision that reflects his fascination with color and light, and his passion for beauty. Abrahms is inspired wherever the light textures, color or moment are right, whether it be in the islands of Iceland, the African jungles, French Polynesia or his New England backyard. The exhibit features a selection of Abrahms' photographs made this year. Though Abrahms has been journeying around the globe making photographs for 25 years, 1993 has proved to be one of his most creative and productive.



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**GW MARTIN LUTHER KING CONVOCATION TO RECOGNIZE
CIVIL/HUMAN RIGHTS LUMINARIES JANUARY 24, 1994**

**Rep. John Lewis, Yolanda King, Dr. Walter Turnbull,
Doris Jones to be honored**

EVENT: 1994 Dr. Martin Luther King Medalists for
Outstanding Professional Service in Civil/
Human Rights to be honored at annual celebration
of Dr. King's life and spirit.

Award recipients include:

U.S. Representative John Lewis (D-Ga.), civil
rights leader

Yolanda King, lecturer/activist

Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, founder/director, Boys
Choir of Harlem

Doris W. Jones, co-founder Jones-Haywood School of
Ballet, founder Capital Ballet Company

Student medalist:
Jeffrey Rickert, co-founder/director, The GW
Neighbors Project

WHEN: Monday, January 24, 1994
6:30 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre
800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom/GW Metro - Orange and Blue lines)

COST: Free and open to the public.

**MEDIA WISHING TO ATTEND THE MLK CONVOCATION MAY CONTACT
KAREN SIBERT IN THE GW OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS,
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**GW LAW PROFESSOR JONATHAN TURLEY MEETS WITH PRISONERS
AT DIXON CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN ILLINOIS AS PART OF PROJECT FOR
OLDER PRISONERS**

Washington, D.C. -- Last spring the Illinois Task Force on Crime and Corrections endorsed four recommendations for improving the quality of life for older prisoners from The George Washington University National Law Center Professor Jonathan Turley's project for older prisoners (POPS). Illinois Governor James Edgar accepted all four of Turley's recommendations -- which included the establishment of a POPS office in Illinois; the creation of a 350-bed "prison nursing home;" the development of a pilot program of electronic detention for older prisoners; and the passage of a new compassionate release law for chronically ill prisoners -- as part of a package of 26 proposals submitted by the Task Force.

On December 21, Jonathan Turley will put that decision in motion by meeting with more than 100 older inmates at the Dixon Correctional Center in Dixon, IL to explain the program and do initial screening of candidates. The warden has scheduled a general POPS meeting in Auditorium 118 at 10 a.m., followed by a meeting with chronically ill prisoners in the Health Care Unit.

"Illinois is significant because it is one of the nation's largest prison systems and is viewed as a model jurisdiction," said Turley, professor of law at The George Washington University National Law Center and director of POPS.

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MEDIA INTERESTED IN COVERING THE EVENT MUST CONTACT NIC HOWELL AT THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, (217) 522-2666, EXT. 2008.

Jonathan Turley can be reached for comment in Chicago from December 20 - 27 at (312) 281-1864.



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GW SCHOOL OF EDUCATION DEAN/CO-AUTHOR OF NEW REPORT ON
HIGHER EDUCATION AVAILABLE FOR COMMENTARY ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM

Former Vermont Congressman Peter Smith in
Forefront of National Debate on Higher Education

Can higher education as we know it today meet the needs of a society about to enter the 21st century? How must institutions adapt to respond to demographic, economic and technological changes? These and other questions are the foundation of a newly published report, An American Imperative: Higher Expectations for Higher Education, which is critical of the current state of higher learning.

Peter Smith, dean of the GW School of Education and Human Development, served on the 16-member panel of educators, business leaders, foundation executives and others who drafted this "open letter to those concerned about the American future." According to Smith, "This report was done in the spirit of 'tough love.' There are certain questions that every institution must ask itself and a failure to formulate concrete answers may very well mean the decline of higher education's preeminence in our society. As loving critics, we have merely provided a structure for such inquiry to ensue."

Dr. Peter Smith is a graduate of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, where he received a doctorate in Administration Planning and Social Policy in 1984. He holds a Master of Arts degree in teaching from Princeton University, which also conferred upon him a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude.

In addition to Smith's education credentials, he served one term as congressman-at-large from Vermont, as well as lieutenant governor and state senator. He was also a senior fellow at the

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American Council on Education; executive director of the National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Post-secondary Education; chairman of the board of directors of the Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education; and a member of the executive committee of the Education Committee of the States Carnegie Forum on Education and Economic Development.

Smith's accomplishments include numerous honors, among them: Esquire Magazine's "Best of the New Generations," 1984; Change Magazine's "Outstanding Educators in the U.S. Under Age Forty," in 1978; and "Man of the Year" from the National Council of Community Service and Continuing Education in 1976. Most recently, he was selected as one of five deans of schools of education nationwide to participate in the Network for Innovative Schools of Education, which received a \$90,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to support the restructuring of schools of education.

He has authored a book, Your Hidden Credentials: The Value of Learning Outside College (Acropolis Books, 1986), in addition to articles for various journals.

Dean Peter Smith can be contacted for commentary on the future of higher education at 202/994-6161 (office) or 703/522-6322 (home).